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ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 89-36

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS


SUBJECT: DATE OF ENTRY (DOE) TO BE USED FOR POLITICAL ASYLEES APPLYING FOR  
REFUGEE CASH ASSISTANCE (RCA) OR THE REFUGEE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT  
(RDP)

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the DOE to be used in determining eligibility when a political asylee applies for the RCA or the RDP.

As defined in the Refugee Act of 1980, a political asylee is a person who has been granted asylum under Section 208 of the Immigration and Naturalization Act. The correct date to be used for determining the asylee's 12-month RCA or 24-month RDP time eligibility is his/her initial DOE into the U.S., not the date he/she was granted asylum. This is the case regardless of the length of time in the U.S. prior to RCA/RDP application. If the political asylee does not have documentation which will substantiate his/her initial DOE in the U.S. or the documentation presented is insufficient to establish eligibility, verification of appropriate status must be obtained from the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

As a reminder, applicants for asylum are not eligible for cash assistance until they have been actually granted asylum.

If you have any questions, please contact your County Refugee Program Operations Analyst at (916) 323-2131.

  
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